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SUBJ: FOOD CORPS CONSULTATIONS IN ROME

1. AT HIS REQUEST, DR. RUTH MORGENTHAU MET WITH DR. SAOUMA,
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DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF FAO. ALSO PRESENT WERE U.S. RES REP TO
FAO JOHN BAKER AND FROM FAO JUAN YRIART, RALPH PHILLIPS, C.
BERINGER VIKRAM SHEH AND G. SAAB.
2. A LONG AND AMICABLE CONVERSATION TOOK PLACE ON THE
SUBJECT OF AGRICULTURE AND VOLUNTEERS. SAAB WAS JUST FINALIZING
HIS FOOD CORPS CONSULTING REPORT, WHILE DR. SAOUMA WAS IN THE
PROCESS OF DRAFTING HIS PRESENTATION TO THE COMING FAO

COUNCIL.

3. TWO POSSIBLE EVENTUAL ORGANIZATIONAL MODELS WERE MENTIONED IN THE DISCUSSION, QUITE INFORMALLY, AND WITH THE POSSIBILITY THAT YET OTHER ALTERNATIVES MIGHT EMERGE OUT OF THE PREFERENCES OF THE TANZANIAN, THE SAHELIAN, OR OTHER THIRD WORLD GOVERNMENTS DESIRING FOOD CORPS. ONE IS THE CLUB DU SAHEL MODEL, WITH THE HOUSE ROOM GIVEN IN THE FAO. THE SECOND IS THE WORLD FOBCPROGRAM MODEL, WITH HALF OF ITS GOVERNING BOARD NAMED BY THE FAO, HALF BY THE UN.

4. DR. SAOUMA WAS POSITIVELY INCLINED TOWARD FOOD CORPS. HE SAID "WE HAVE TOPAY MORE ATTENTION TO THIS". HE INDICATED FAO MIGHT PROVIDE SOME HOUSE ROOM FOR FURRTHER EXPLO- RATION OF THE IDEA AND SEEK MINIMAL SUPPORT FUNDS FOR A TECHNICAL PERSON TO FURTHER FLESH OUT THE IDEAS. HE INDICATED HE WOULD SEE TO IT THAT FOOD CORPS IS GIVEN THROUGH CONSID- ERATION AT THE COUNCIL MEETING OF THE FAO, AND AT THE WORLD CONFERENCE ON AGRARIAN REFORM AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT.GARDNER

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